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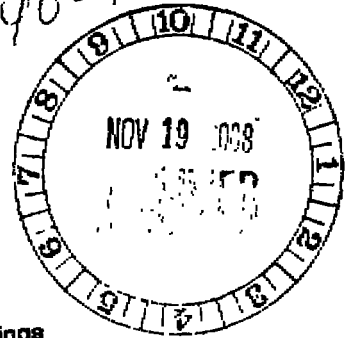
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Surface Transportation Board  
ATTN: Anne K. Quinlan, Acting Secretary  
395 E Street, SW,  
Washington, DC 20424

Re: Environmental Report, Historic Report and Required Certifications for  
Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 182X),  
Illinois Central Railroad Company — Notice of Exemption for Abandonment  
in Grenada, Grenada County, Mississippi

Dear Ms. Quinlan:

Illinois Central Railroad Company (IC) intends to file a Notice of Exemption for the above-referenced proposed abandonment any time on or after December 22, 2008. Enclosed for the above-referenced abandonment exemption are the following documents, which are required by 49 C.F.R. Part 1105:

1. An original and ten copies of the Environmental/Historic Report;
2. An original and ten copies of the transmittal letter that accompanied the reports; and
3. An original and ten copies of a certificate demonstrating compliance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 1105.

Please stamp and return the duplicate copy of this letter to my attention to indicate that you received the items listed.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Grenada, Grenada County, Mississippi - Docket AB-43 (Sub-No. 182X)**

To Whom It May Concern:

Any time on or after December 22, 2008, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") expects to file with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon a railroad line located between milepost 311.90 and milepost 313.10, a distance of 1.20 miles, in Grenada County, Mississippi. Enclosed is an Environmental Report and a Historic Report describing the proposed action and any expected environmental and historical effects, as well as a map of the affected area.

We are providing this report so that you may review the information that will form the basis for the STB's independent environmental and historical analysis of this proceeding. If any of the information is misleading or incorrect, if you believe that pertinent information is missing, or if you have any questions about the STB's environmental and historic review process, please contact their Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA), at the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20423-0001, (202) 245-0245, and refer to the above docket number.

IC will file the Environmental Report and Historic Report with the STB on or about November 17, 2008. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your written comments to the STB (with a copy to the undersigned) would be appreciated within three weeks. Your comments will be considered by the STB in evaluating the environmental and historical impact of the contemplated action.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact the undersigned directly at (708) 332-4381 or by mail at the above address.

Sincerely,

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Docket No. AB-43 (Sub-No. 182X)

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR  
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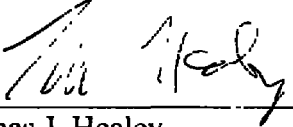
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH 49 C.F.R. PART 1105

I hereby certify that on November 17, 2008, copies of the Environmental Report and Historic Report for the above-captioned proceeding were served on the agencies listed at 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(b), all agencies consulted in preparing the reports, and on the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. A service list is attached and incorporated into this certificate as Attachment A. The reports have been sent within the time period specified, as Illinois Central Railroad Company intends to file its Notice of Exemption in the above-captioned matter no earlier than December 22, 2008. All appropriate agencies as listed in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e) have been consulted well in advance of preparing the Environmental Report.

I also certify that a newspaper notice was published on October 29, 2008, in *The Commonwealth*, a newspaper of general circulation in Grenada County, Mississippi. The notice alerted the public to the proposed abandonment, to possible reuse alternatives, and to procedures for participating in the STB proceeding. A copy of the notice is attached to this certificate as Attachment B.

Dated this 17th day of November, 2008.

  
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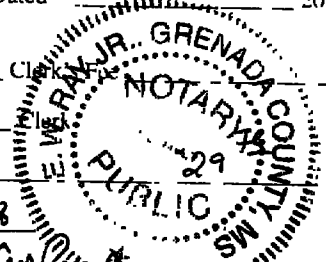
Before me, E. W. Ray Jr., A Notary Public,  
of said County, personally appeared Juzannah Williams  
Clerk of the Greenwood Commonwealth, a newspaper published in Leflore  
County, who, on oath, stated that the notice attached hereto  
was published in said newspaper for 1  
times, beginning October 29, 2008, and ending  
October 29, 2008, in the following issues, to wit:

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Suzannah Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 29 day of October, 2008



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUGUST 20, 2010  
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BEFORE THE  
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

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DOCKET NO. AB-43 (SUB-NO. 182X)

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY  
-- ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION --  
IN GRENADA, GRENADA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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**ENVIRONMENTAL/HISTORIC REPORT**

Illinois Central Railroad Company. ("IC") submits this Environmental/Historic Report in compliance with the reporting requirements of 49 C.F.R. §§1105.7 and 1105.8. Supporting correspondence and certifications are attached. It is the conclusion of this Report that the proposed abandonment, if implemented, will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(c)**

1. Proposed Action and Alternatives. IC seeks to abandon its line of railroad extending from milepost 311.90 to milepost 313.10 in Grenada, Mississippi. (the "Line"). The Line is situated in Grenada County, Mississippi and extends a total distance of approximately 1.20 miles.

The Line has not been required to serve any customer in over two years. The Line was built in approximately 1856 and primarily transported cotton to Memphis from the Mississippi Delta. More recently, it provided service to Memphis Hardwood, which is no longer in business. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.

Following abandonment, IC intends to salvage rail, ties and track materials from the Line. There are three bridges that will be removed with this abandonment.

No alternatives to the proposed abandonment have been considered. A map showing the location of the Line is attached herein as **Appendix A**.

IC has contacted and requested comments from Mississippi Clearinghouse Office. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix B**. There have been no comments to date.

IC has contacted the Mississippi County Board Supervisors. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix C**. The Board objects to this abandonment. However, as stated above, there have been no rail shipments on this line for over two years and the potential for new business does not exist.

2. Transportation System. IC does not anticipate that existing regional or local transportation systems or patterns will be affected by the proposed abandonment. No rail service is currently provided on the Line. Thus, no traffic will be diverted to other transportation systems or modes as a result of the proposed abandonment. There is no overhead traffic on the Line, and no passenger trains are operated over the Line.

IC has contacted and requested comments from the State of Mississippi Department of Transportation. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix D**. The Department has not responded to our correspondence.

3. Land Use.

(i) IC does not foresee any inconsistency with regional and/or local land use plans, but has contacted and requested comments from the NOAA/National Geodetic Survey. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix E**. There have been no comments to date.



(ii) The proposed abandonment lies entirely within the limits of Grenada County, Mississippi. The Mississippi Soil & Water Conservation Commission has been contacted and comments requested. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix F**. No comments have been received to this date.

(iii) This track does not lie within a designated Coastal Zone Management Area and, accordingly, the proposed abandonment will not affect any land or water uses in such an area or result in any coastal impacts. See the response of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources attached herein as **Appendix G**.

(iv) IC is not aware of any alternative public use under 49 U.S.C. § 10905 for which the right-of-way of this track would be suitable, other than possibly a trail.

4. Energy.

(i) The proposed abandonment will not have any effect on the transportation of energy resources. No energy resource commodities move on the Line, and IC foresees little or no possibility that such on-line traffic would develop in the future.

(ii) The movement and/or recovery of recyclable commodities will not be adversely affected by this abandonment. No such traffic has been handled on this line for many years (if ever), and IC foresees little or no possibility that any online recyclable commodity traffic would develop in the future.

(iii) Abandonment will not result in an increase or decrease in overall energy efficiency. There is no freight traffic on the Line and thus there will be no changes in existing transportation patterns or energy usage as a result of the proposed abandonment.

(iv) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not cause the diversion of more than 1,000 rail carloads per year or an average of 50 rail carloads per mile per year to motor carriers.

5. Air.

(i) Not applicable. Abandonment will not result in (A) a minimum increase in rail traffic of 100% or eight trains per day on any segment of rail line. (B) an increase in rail yard activity of at least 100%, or (C) an average increase in truck traffic of more than 10% of the average daily traffic or 50 vehicles per day on any road segment.

(ii) Not applicable. Abandonment of the Line will not result in traffic increases which exceed the thresholds specified in 49 C.F.R. §1105.7(e)(5)(ii)(A), (B) or (C).

(iii) Not applicable. This is an abandonment of a line on which there have been no customers for at least two years and there is no overhead traffic on the line.

6. Noise. Not applicable. As indicated above, none of the thresholds identified in 49 C.F.R. § 1105.7(e)(5)(i) will be exceeded as a result of the abandonment.

7. Safety.

(i) The proposed action will have no adverse effect upon public health or safety. During any salvage operations on the Line, precautions will be taken to ensure public safety.

(ii) Not applicable. To IC's knowledge, no hazardous commodities were ever handled on this Line. Accordingly, the proposed abandonment will have no effect on the transportation of hazardous materials.

(iii) To the best of IC's knowledge, there are no known hazardous waste sites or any hazardous waste materials involved. Therefore, IC believes that its abandonment will not have any adverse impact on this site.

8. Biological Resources.

(i) The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been contacted and we have requested comments. This abandonment will not affect the wetland, nor is there any endangered or threatened species present in this area. See correspondence attached as **Appendix H**.

(ii) IC has also contacted the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks. The attached correspondence indicates that if best management practices are implemented, the proposed abandonment will likely pose no threat to listed species or their habitats. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix I**.

Water.

(i) IC has contacted the US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, to determine whether the proposed abandonment is consistent with applicable federal, state and local water quality standards. See correspondence attached hereto as **Appendix J**. The US EPA stated they our correspondence was forwarded to the regional office of the EPA. While the Office of Water gave no further comments, IC will be mindful of proper erosion control in the removal of rail and other salvageable materials to minimize impact.

(ii) The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted to determine if the proposed abandonment requires permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix K**. The Department of the Army has not yet responded to our correspondence.

IC also believes that removal of the rails will not affect any existing wetlands. In addition, abandonment should not impact any 100-year floodplain if no additional fill is placed in any floodplain.

(iii) The Region 4 Office of the US Environmental Protection Agency has been contacted and we have requested comments from them. See correspondence attached herein as **Appendix L**. There has been no response to date. IC believes that no permits under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) will be required for the proposed action.

10. Proposed Mitigation. As no adverse impact is anticipated, IC does not propose any mitigation activities.

#### **HISTORIC REPORT - 49 C.F.R. § 1105.8(d)**

1. Map. A map of the Line is attached hereto as **Appendix A**.
2. Description of Line. The line to be abandoned extends from milepost 311.90 to 313.10, for a total distance of 1.20 miles of railroad line.
3. Photographs. Attached as **Appendix M** are copies of color photographs of the bridges located on this Line. These photographs have been provided to the State Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") within the Mississippi Historic Preservation Division.
4. Information on Structures. There are three bridges within the proposed Line abandonment. It is estimated that the bridges were built between 1921-1925.
5. History of Operations. The Line has not been required to serve any customer in over two years. The Line was built in approximately 1856 and primarily transported cotton to Memphis from the Mississippi Delta. More recently, it provided service to Memphis Hardwood, which is no longer in business. There have been no rail shipments of any kind on the Line in the last two years, and no reasonable possibility for the development of new rail traffic exists.


6. Engineering Documents. To the best of IC's knowledge, it does not have any relevant engineering documents.

7. Historic Criteria. IC has contacted and given notice of the proposed abandonment to The State Historic Preservation Office within the Mississippi Historical Society. See correspondence attached as **Appendix N**. The SHPO has informed IC that they have no reservations with the proposed project.

8. Ground Disturbances. IC is unaware of any possibility that archaeological resources may be in the area. Access to the line is generally good.

Dated: 11-17, 2008

Respectfully submitted.

  
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
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Very truly yours,

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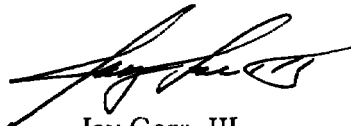
Dear Mr. Healey:

The Grenada County Board of Supervisors has received your request for comment on the proposed abandonment of certain railroad line starting at MP 311.90 and ending at MP 313.10 in Grenada County, Mississippi. Please note the strong objection of the county Board of Supervisors to the proposed abandonment.

The location of the railroad tracks on the south side of the Yalobusha River constitute protection from flooding at high water levels and abandonment would endanger their integrity for the residents inside the levee created by the railroad.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Simon Monroe  
National Geodetic Survey  
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada County, Greenwood, Mississippi  
AB-43 (Sub-No.182X)

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Mr. Don Underwood, Executive Director  
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P.O. Box 23005  
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
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Dear Mr. Underwood:

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Ms. Willa Brantley, Bureau Director  
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1141 Bayview Ave  
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
Mississippi, AB-43 (Sub-No.182X)

Dear Ms. Brantley:

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September 15, 2008

Ms. Willa Henriksen, Bureau Director  
Mississippi Department of Marine Resources  
1141 Bayview Ave  
Biloxi, MS 39530-1613

Re Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada County, Greenwood, Mississippi  
AB-43 (Sub-No 182X)

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RE: DMR-090161; Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada County, Greenwood, Mississippi

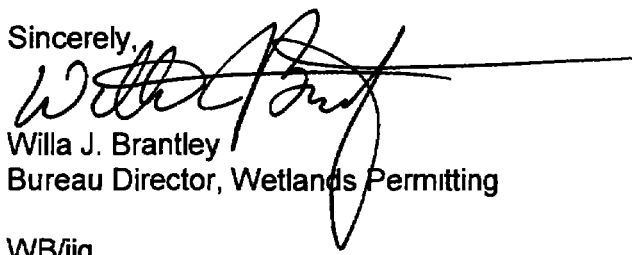
Dear Mr. Healey:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request from the Illinois Central Railroad Company to review a proposed abandonment of 1.20 miles of railroad track located in Greenwood, Grenada County, Mississippi, running from Milepost 311.90 to Milepost 313.10. Based on the proposal as submitted, it appears that there will be no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands; therefore the Department has no objections to the proposed abandonment. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Jana Guynes with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at 228-523-4118 or [jana.guynes@dmr.ms.gov](mailto:jana.guynes@dmr.ms.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Suite B  
Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
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Robert Oliveri, Resident Agent-In-Charge  
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By MS Field Office

No federally listed endangered, threatened,  
or candidate species present

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National Park Service  
Attn: Andy Sanderson  
Mississippi Natural Heritage Program  
2148 Riverside Drive  
Jackson, MS 39202-1353

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
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September 15, 2008

National Park Service  
Attn: Matthew C. Smith, Interim Data Manager  
Mississippi Natural Heritage Program  
2148 Riverside Drive  
Jackson, MS 39202-1353

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada County, Greenwood, Mississippi  
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September 23, 2008

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17641 S. Ashland Avenue  
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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company  
Railroad Abandonment **AB-43(Sub-No. 182X)**  
Greenwood, Grenada County, Mississippi

**R#6870**

To Thomas Healey,

In response to your request for information dated September 15, 2008, we have searched our database for occurrences of state or federally listed species and species of special concern that occur within 2 miles of the site of the proposed project. Please find our concerns and recommendations below.

Based on information provided, we conclude that if best management practices are implemented, particularly measures to prevent, or at least, minimize negative impacts to water quality, the proposed project likely poses no threat to listed species or their habitats.

Please feel free to contact us if we can provide any additional information, resources, or assistance that will help minimize negative impacts to this area. We are happy to work with you to ensure that our state's precious natural heritage is conserved and preserved for future Mississippians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andy Sanderson".

Andy Sanderson, Conservation Resources Biologist  
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October 28, 2008

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company  
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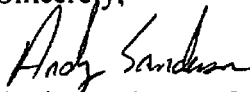
To Thomas Healey,

Thank you for providing us with the corrected information. We discovered the error before providing you with our review and, therefore, the letter from us that you have in your possession should still stand. We have one very old record of a species of special concern (the Chestnut Lamprey, *Ichthyomyzon castaneus*; S3) along the railroad track proposed for abandonment; however, if proper best management practices are implemented and monitored for compliance to protect water quality (i.e., avoid runoff of sediment, contaminants, etc. into nearby wetlands and/or bodies of water) there would likely be no threat to this species or its habitat.

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Mr. David S. Evans, Director  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Water (4101M)  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Illinois Central Railroad Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada County,  
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D C. 20460

October 1, 2008

OFFICE OF  
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Thomas J. Healey, Counsel - Regulatory  
Illinois Central Railroad Company  
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Dear Mr. Healey;

Thank you for your letter of September 15, 2008, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Office of Water, in which you informed us of your company's plans to file a proposed abandonment of a 1.2 mile segment of railroad line in Grenada County, Mississippi. You specifically requested assistance to identify any potential effects the proposed action might have on aquatic resources and related ecological interests, including the need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act.

As you may know, EPA is organized geographically into 10 Regional Offices. EPA Region 4 in Atlanta contains the southeastern region, including the State of Mississippi. Accordingly, I have shared your request with Region 4, and asked them to look into this matter and respond directly to you. Your point of contact in Region 4 is Mr. Duncan Powell, who you can contact at 404-562-9258 or [Powell.Duncan@epa.gov](mailto:Powell.Duncan@epa.gov). Although your letter noted that a map was attached for reference, when it reached me the map was not present, so I encourage you to provide this directly to Mr. Powell.

Thank you again for your interest to ensure effective protection of our shared aquatic resources. You may contact me at 202-566-0535 with any general questions, and I encourage you to contact Mr. Powell about the details of your request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David S. Evans". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David S. Evans, Director  
Wetlands Division



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US Army Corp of Engineers  
Mississippi Valley Division  
ATTN: CEMVD-PA  
P.O. Box 80  
Vicksburg, MS 39181-0080

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Mr. Duncan Powell  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 4, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center  
61 Forsyth Street, 15<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

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AB-43 (Sub-No.182X)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") is planning to file a proposed abandonment with the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") for approval to abandon approximately 1.20 miles of railroad line starting at MP 311.90 and ending at MP 313.10 in Greenwood, Grenada County, Mississippi. For your convenience, we have attached a map for your reference. IC is advising you of the proposed action so you may assist us in identifying any potential effects of the proposed action on, among other things, the following:

1. Water quality;
2. Designated wetlands;
3. 100-year-old flood plains;
4. Endangered or threatened species;
5. Critical habitats;
6. Wildlife sanctuaries or refuges;
7. National or state parks or forests;
8. Coastal zone management;
9. Soil and natural resource conservation.
10. Agricultural land;
11. Regional and/or local use plans; and
12. The need for permits under Sections 402 or 404 of the Clean Water Act

Because of the nature of the proposed action, we foresee no adverse effects. Nevertheless, we would appreciate your review and any comments you may wish to offer. We would appreciate a written response as soon as possible so that we may include it in the environmental report, which we will file with the STB. We intend on filing the Environmental Report in four weeks.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey  
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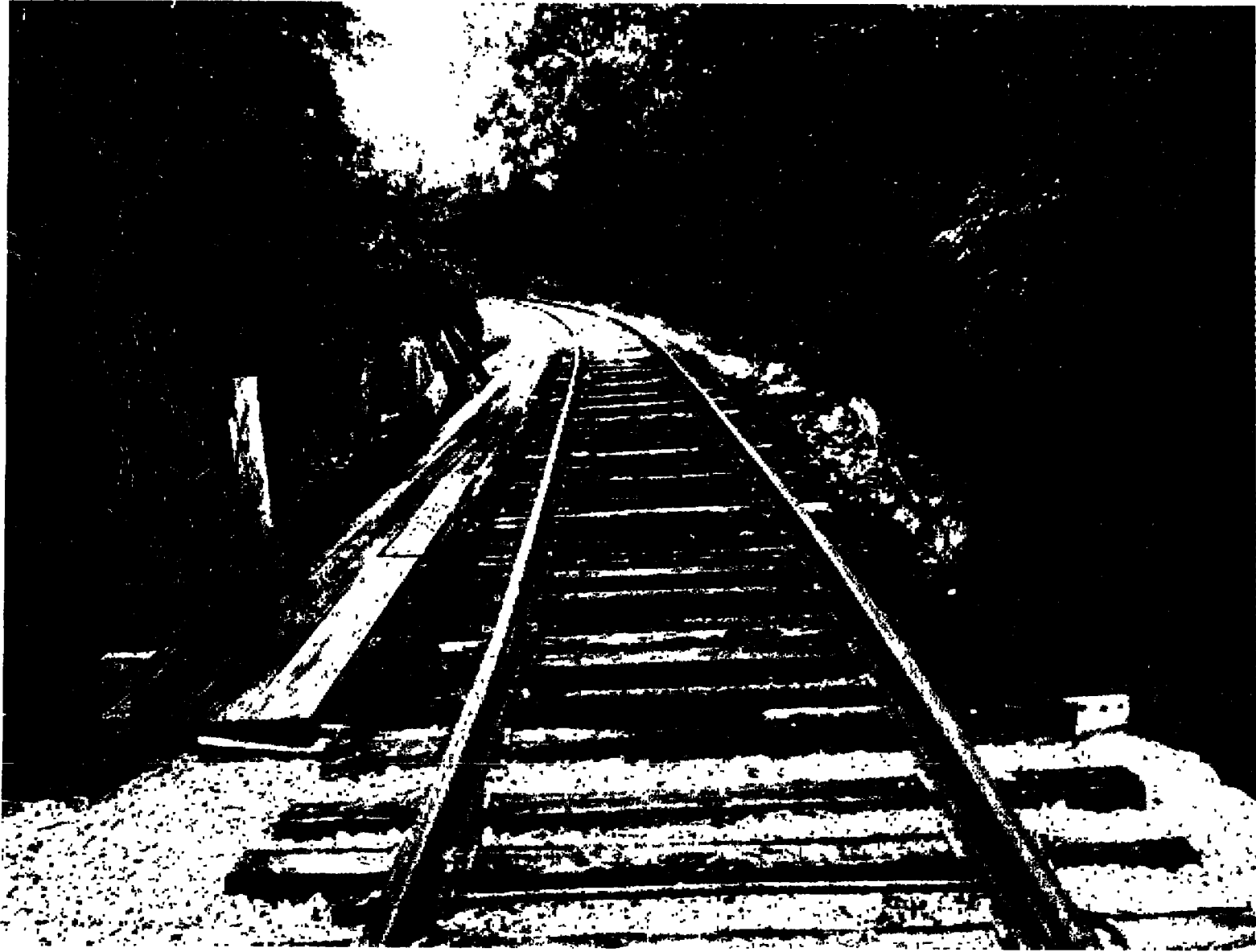
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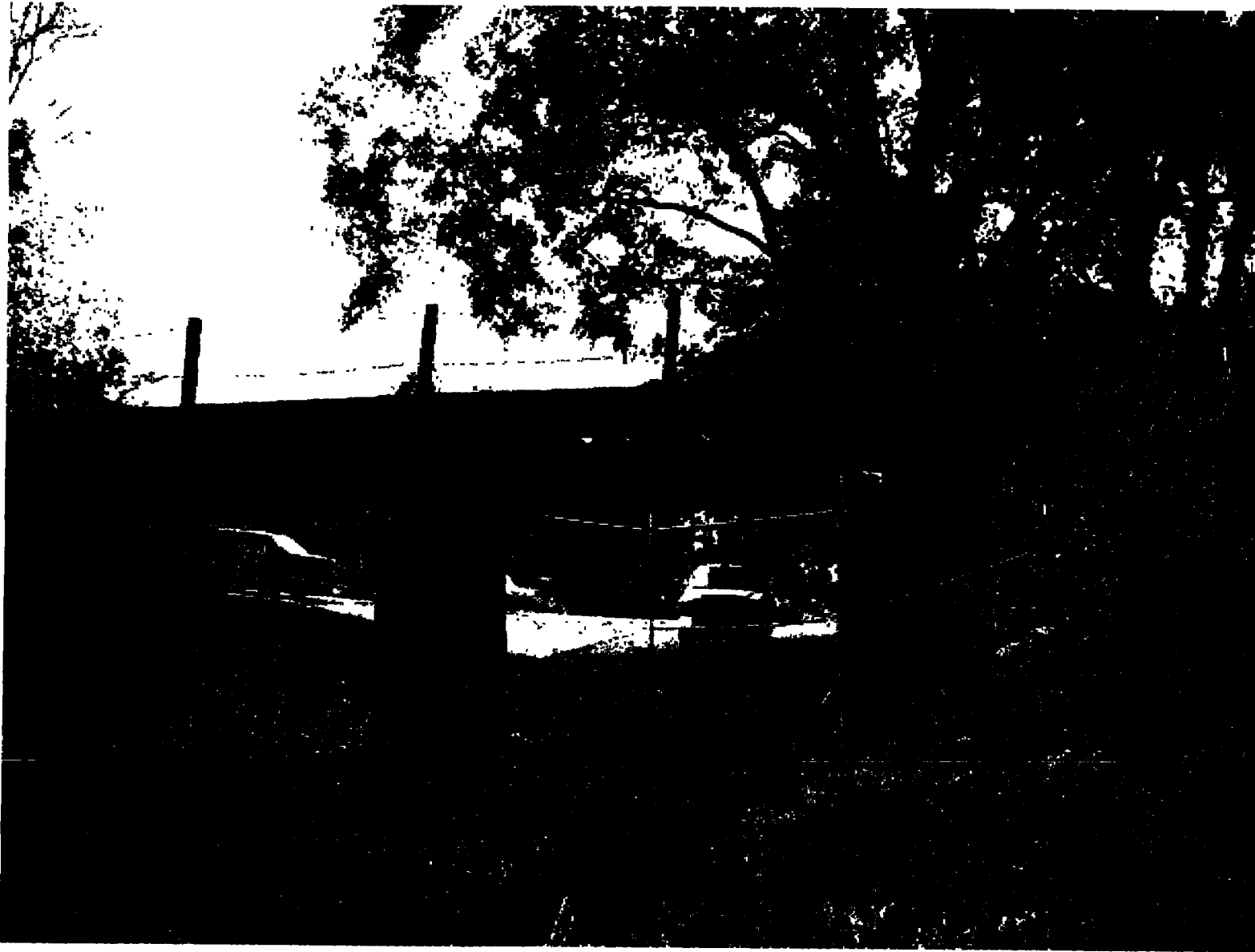


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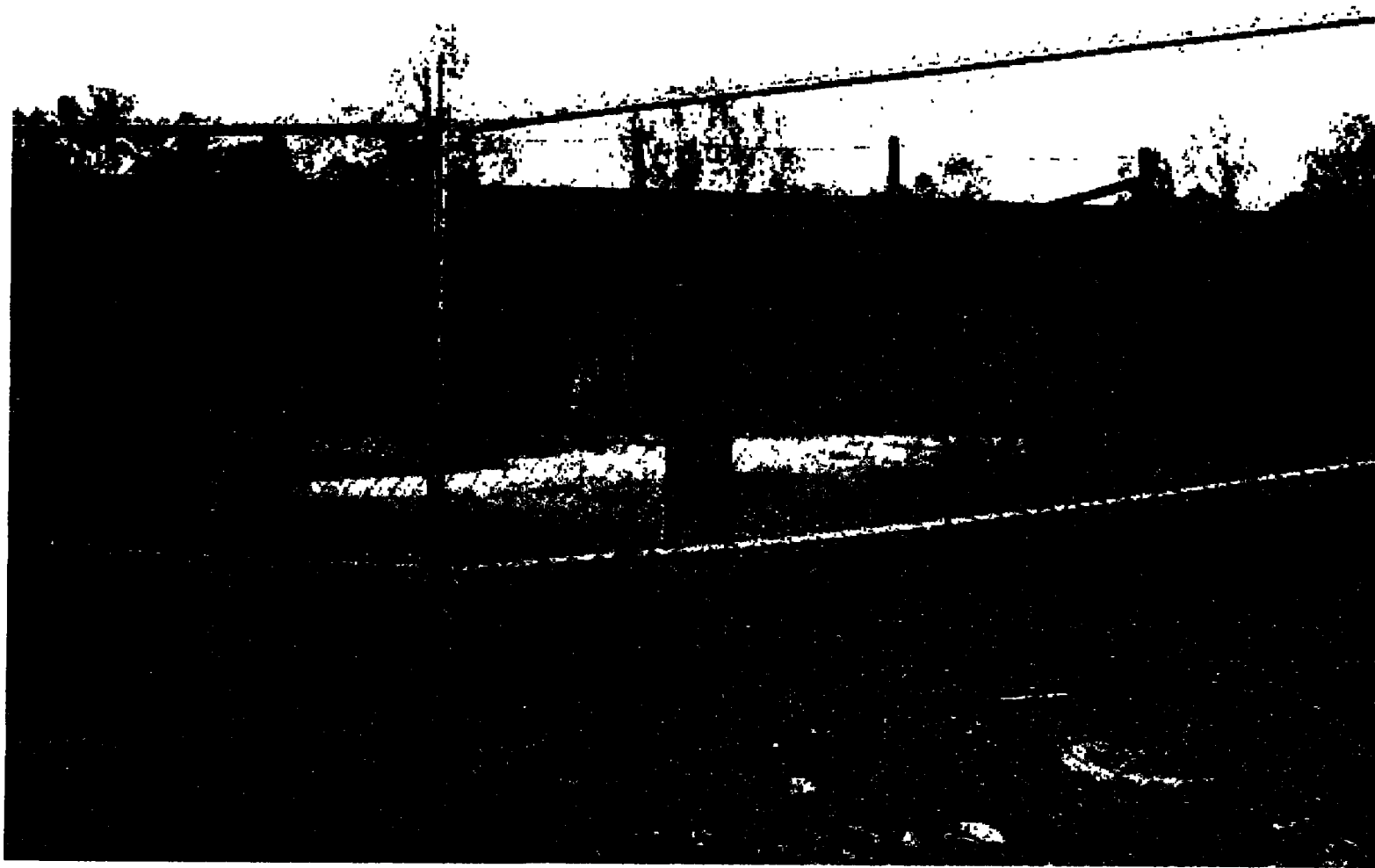




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October 23, 2008

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Re: Illinois Central Railroad Company Proposed Abandonment in Grenada, Grenada  
County, Mississippi, AB-43 (Sub-No. 182X)

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

On September 15, 2008, Illinois Central Railroad Company ("IC") served your organization with a Notice of Intent letter to abandon approximately 1.20 miles of railroad line starting at MP 311.90 and ending at MP 313.10 in Grenada County, Mississippi. On that Notice of Intent, we incorrectly cited the town as "Greenwood" instead of the proper name, "Grenada."

I am enclosing a copy of the previous correspondence, as well as a revised map for your reference. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey  
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Enc.



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September 25, 2008

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RE: Proposed IC Railroad Company Abandonment in Grenada, AB-43 (Sub-No. 182x), MDAH Project Log #09-111-08, Grenada County

Dear Mr. Healy:

We have reviewed the information provided for the above referenced project, received on September 22, 2008, in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After review, it is our determination that the approximately 1.20 miles of railroad, including the three bridges, are ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we have no reservations with the proposed undertaking. Please note, however, that your letter indicated that the section of line to be abandoned is in Greenwood; it is instead located in Grenada (Grenada County).

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations.

If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

  
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Thank you for your assistance. Please call me should you have questions.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Healey  
Illinois Central Railroad Company

Enc.

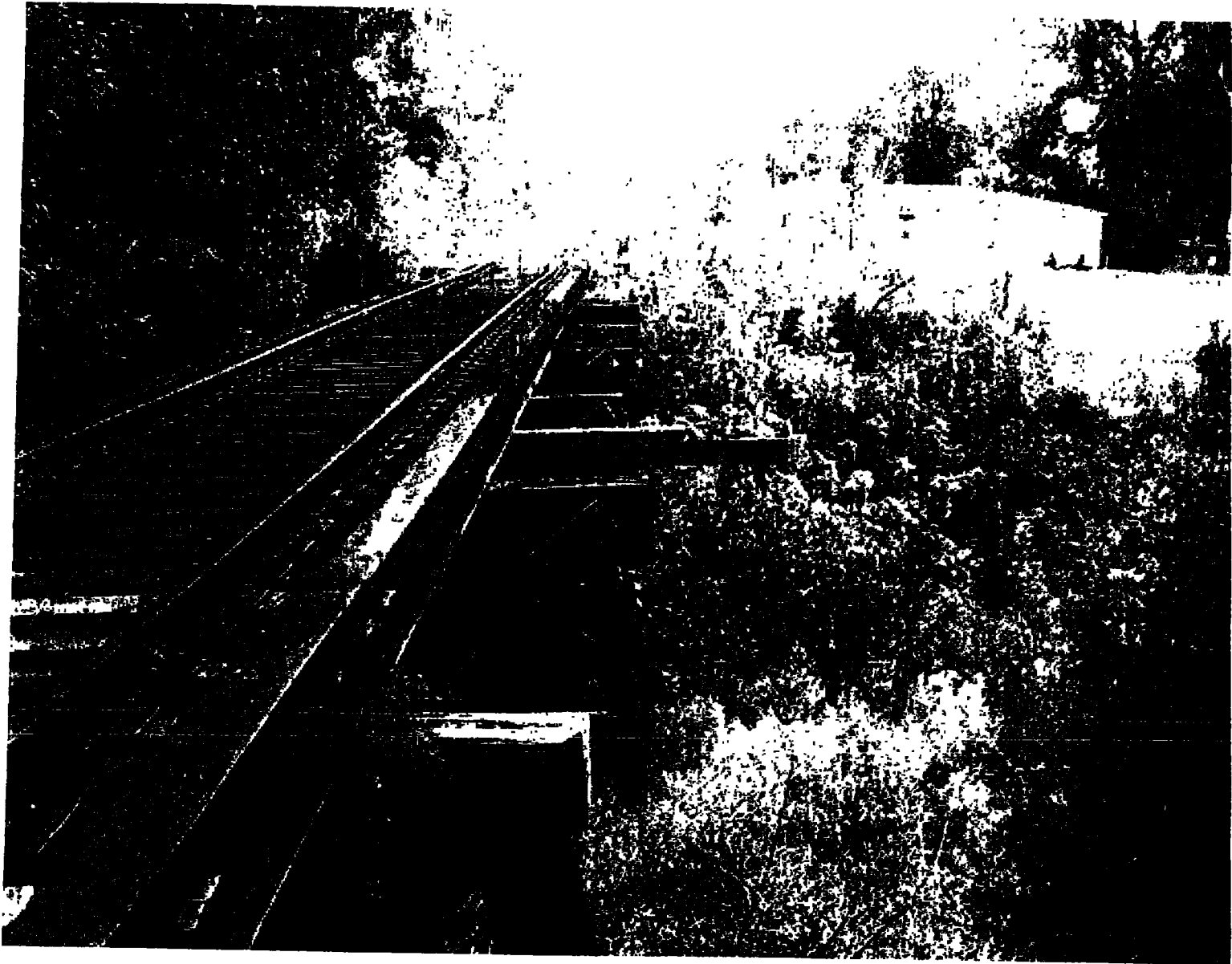
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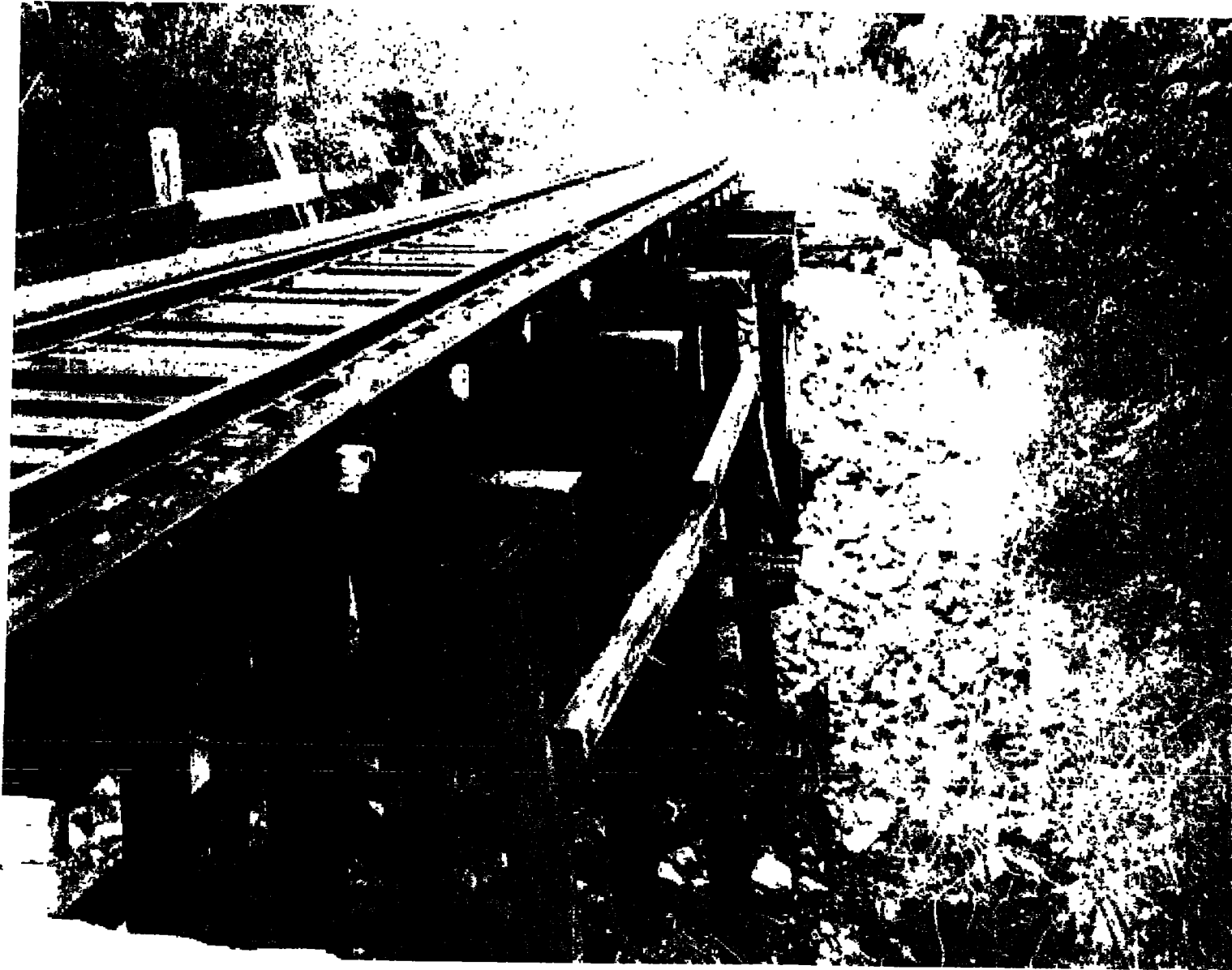




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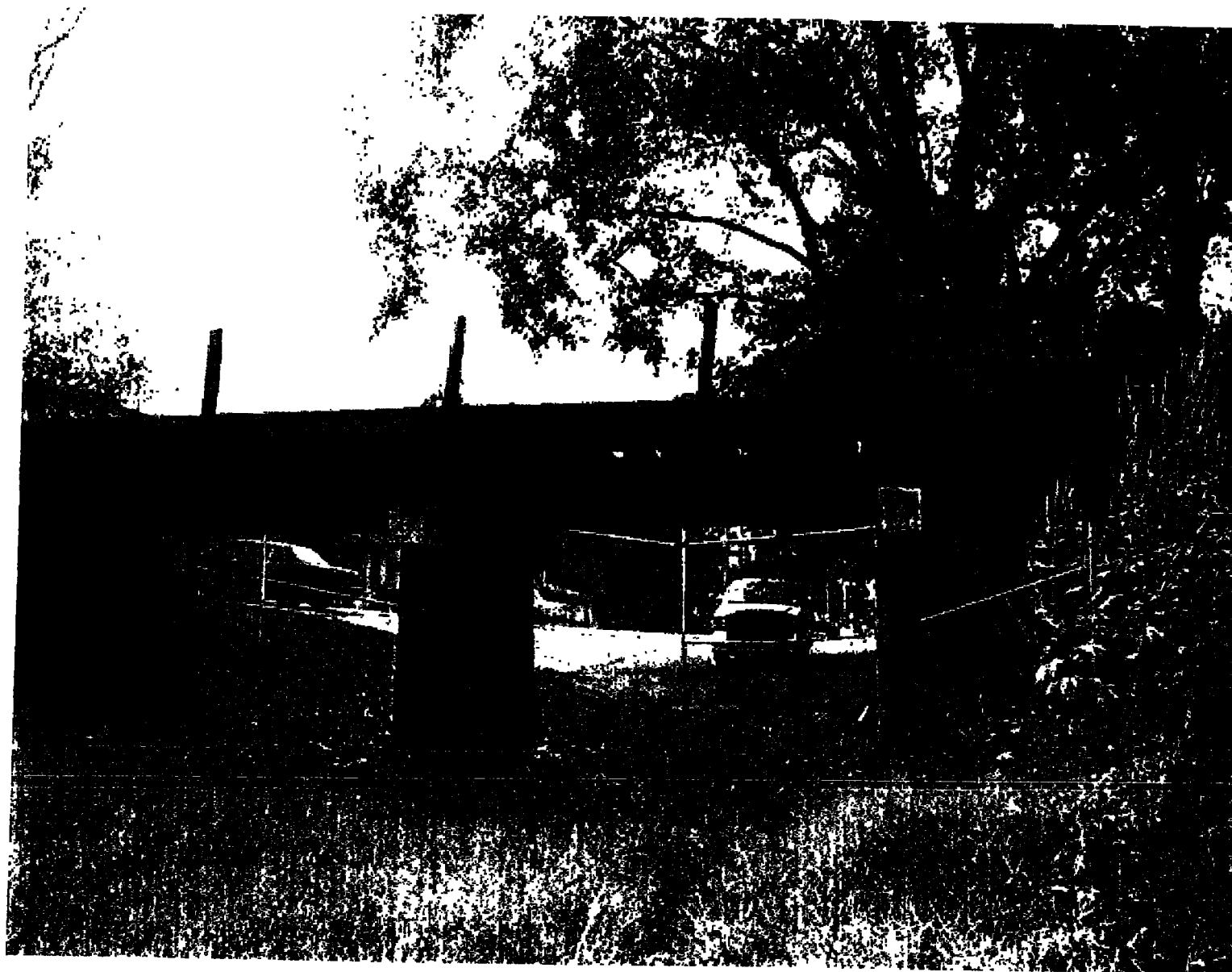
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